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In re application of

Docket No: Q54505

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Group Art Unit: 2853

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For: INK CARTRIDGE, INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS, AND REFILLING  
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Petitioner hereby certifies that the above-mentioned Assignments have been reviewed and to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief, title is in petitioner who is seeking to take this action.

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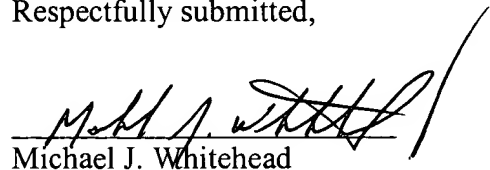
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statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent 6,361,138, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/318,268 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to U.S. Patent 6,361,138 shall be the same as the legal title to said patent issuing from the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/318,268, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/318,268 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/318,268 prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent 6,361,138 in the event that U.S. Patent 6,361,138 later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a Reexamination Certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

The undersigned whose signature and title appear below is empowered to act on behalf of petitioner.

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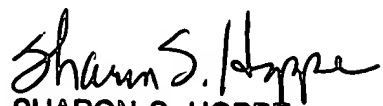
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